

Mississippi Child Care Market Rate Survey

Final Summary Report

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The Division of Early Childhood Care and Development contracted with the Mississippi Child Care Resource and Referral Network (MSCCR&R) housed within the School of Human Sciences at Mississippi State University (MSU) to conduct the 2011 Market Rate Survey. This report is a final report; it contains all survey information in the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA) system.

Population and Sampling

The Mississippi State Department of Health (DHS) provided a list of 1,758 licensed childcare centers. A list of family/in-home providers was developed using the NACCRRA data system. A total of 231 family/in-home providers were identified. All 1,758 licensed centers and 231 family/in-home providers were selected for inclusion in the survey.

Surveys were mailed out quarterly to 1,758 licensed centers and 231 family/in-home providers. Along with quarterly mail-outs, licensed centers and family/in-home providers were called during the year for updates. The CCDF Certificate information was provided by the Division of Early Childhood Care and Development of the Mississippi Department of Human Services.

Response Rates

A total of 1,193 surveys with useable data were returned, 1,077 from licensed centers and 116 from family/in-home providers. The overall response rate for licensed centers was 70.3%, while the response rate for family/in-home providers was 50.2%.

Non-respondents were compared to respondents on group means for minimum and maximum age accepted and licensed capacity. Respondents and non-respondents were statistically significantly different on two of the three comparisons: minimum age accepted and licensed capacity. They were also compared on the variables of center type and tier reimbursement. Respondents were significantly different from non-respondents on center type and tier reimbursement.

Key Findings

Selected findings are provided below using frequencies, percentages, means and standard deviations. Where appropriate, comparisons are made between licensed centers and family/in-home providers.

CCDF Certificates

Overall, 5,097 licensed and family/in-home centers accept CCDF certificates. Of these 5,097 centers, 1,384 are licensed centers (Tiers 1 and 2; 78.7% of total licensed centers reported by DHS) and 3,713 are family/in-home providers (Tier 3). Of the 1,384 licensed centers, 759 (54.8%) are in Tier 1 and 625 (41.2%) are in Tier 2.

Vacancies

The respondents reported 13,033 total vacancies. Of the total, 12,922 were in licensed centers, with 111 vacancies reported by family/in-home providers.

Weekly and Monthly Childcare Rates

Child care rates reported by licensed centers were generally higher than those reported by family/in-home providers. Rates reported for weekly part-time for infants and monthly part-time for preschoolers were the same for licensed centers and family/in-home providers. The 75th percentile by center type, time, and age are provided in Table 1.

Table 1.

75th Percentile Child Care Rates for Licensed Centers and Family/In-Home Providers by Time and Age.

	Weekly Full-Time		Monthly Full-Time		Weekly Part-Time		Monthly Part-Time	
Age	Licensed Centers	In-Home Providers	Licensed Centers	In-Home Providers	Licensed Centers	In-Home Providers	Licensed Centers	In-Home Providers
Infants	\$100	\$85	\$450	\$380	\$70	\$70	\$280	\$200
Toddlers	\$95	\$85	\$400	\$360	\$70	\$60	\$264	\$200
Preschool	\$90	\$85	\$395	\$360	\$60	\$50	\$200	\$200
School Age	\$80	\$85	\$320	--	\$55	\$40	\$200	--
Special Needs	\$95	\$85	\$400	--	\$67	\$47	\$280	--

-- Indicates there were not enough data to calculate a 75th percentile.